



# **Ward Notification**

## **Tucson Fire Department**

**Fire Chief Patrick Kelly**



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Date: April 20, 2009

### **Ward 2 – Flash Fire – 10200 Block of East Vicksburg**

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Dispatch Time – 1609

On-Scene – 1612

Under Control – 1612

Six people were inside the garage area of this home working when neighbors called 911 reporting a possible explosion. Firefighters arrived on scene to find the fire extinguished. Vapors accumulated in the enclosed area, made contact with the direct flame from the gas water heater, and the fumes ignited. The fire flashed for a few seconds, burnt everything in the room, and went out on its own. Four of the six workers were sent to local area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries. No other injuries occurred.

Red Cross was not needed. The tenant who lives here had been staying in a hotel while repairs were being done to the home. He will remain in the hotel until repairs are completed.

Damage Estimate - \$5,000

Cause – Accumulation of flammable vapors in a confined area reached an ignition source

Safety Message: Flammable materials should be used and stored in well-ventilated areas only. Sufficient vapors could ignite if exposed to any source of ignition, including a small spark. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to prevent injury, death, or loss of property.